



PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NCAR Review of the Department of Public Instruction's Driver Education Program

Options	Potential Actions
1. Implement and strengthen statutes requiring the Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction to conduct fiscal and technical oversight of the Driver Education Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement 2010 NC Sess. Laws 2010-31, Section 7.12, requiring the creation of a standardized curriculum for driver education• Develop an appropriate strategic plan with goals and performance indicators to be reported to the General Assembly including number of program participants, adoption of the standardized curriculum, program expenditures, and student driver's test success rate• Seek the most cost effective method to deliver driver training• Clarify the roles of the State Board of Education and State Superintendent in establishing program criteria and taking responsibility for program curriculum and administration such that these responsibilities are not delegated to Local Education Agencies
2. Direct the Program Evaluation Division to include a proposal for a full evaluation of the Driver Education Program in the draft work plan submitted to the 2011 Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine the most cost effective method to deliver driver education• Examine alternatives to classroom training such as online formats• Review programs in other states• Compare relevant outcomes among completers and students who did not complete the program
Additional Options Pending Further Assessment	

Eliminate state funding for the Driver Education Program

- Aligns North Carolina with 32 other states which provide no funding for driver education
- Would eliminate the annual transfer of approximately \$33 million from the Highway Fund

Establish a funding stream more closely related to driver responsibility than the existing appropriation from the Highway Fund such as:

- Potential revenue sources:
 - Fees added to automobile registration, driver licensing fee, or automobile inspection
 - Surcharge on driving-related fines
 - Student co-pay for driver education.